

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

PANDORA DESTROYED.—The President has denied rumors to Henry C. Anderson of Arkansas, George M. Pair, Jr., of Virginia, and John Ames of this city, in jail for assault.

THE NEW YORK BUILDING.—Secretary of the Treasury Fairchild today gave a hearing to the parties interested in the selection of a site in New York city for the new appraisers' storehouses.

BOND OFFERINGS TO-DAY.—Bonds were offered up to 12 o'clock to-day as follows: 4s, \$30,000, at 125; 4s, \$100,000, at 108; \$500, at 108; registered, \$5,000, at 108; \$200, at 108; \$100,000, at 108.

THE GALENA SAILS TO-DAY.—Commodore Walker said there was nothing new this morning about the Hayti trouble. "Galena," said he, "is to sail to-day, and perhaps she may be off now." The Yantic is also ready and may sail this afternoon.

THE PRESIDENT'S CALLERS.—Among the President's callers to-day were Senators Pasco, Gray, Colquhoun, Voorhees and Ransom, and Representatives Lee, Cantrill, Bynum, Butterworth, Baker, Thompson, Johnston, Flood and Lawler, with Colonel Robert R. of Chicago.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

Colonel Haine has complained again to the Commissioners of the hindrance to the river front improvements by reason of certain persons occupying public lands in the neighborhood of Fifteenth and D streets southwest. He refers to the case of H. Clay Jones, who was fined. He appealed the case and still occupies the land. Captain Synona has recommended to the Commissioners that all parties occupying this land be notified to remove the obstructions complained of within thirty days, or they will be ordered to remove them by the Superintendent of Streets remove them by force.

Another violation of the plumbing regulations was reported to the Commissioners and they have ordered that the work be done over again, and this time to conform with the law. Ed. J. Harmon reports that the sewer connecting premises of 17th and D streets was laid without a concrete base. It was learned upon investigation that the work was done by J. B. Clark, and he is ordered to uncover the sewer and put in the concrete base.

The Sunday barbers shop question has been raised again by District Assembly No. 66, K. of L. They have written the Commissioners calling their attention to alleged gross violations of the Sunday law by the hotel barbers, and they request the Commissioners to take action to enforce the law and close these shops on Sunday.

Two gas lamps have been ordered to be erected in front of the new engine-house on North Carolina avenue.

Delia B. Keefe, 1003 Third street northwest, has been granted a barroom license.

The memorial to Congress of the residents in Northeast Washington regarding the B. & O. tracks, adopted on Monday night, was presented to the Commissioners to-day.

The plans for the additional street and other improvements to the B. & O. Railway station have been approved by the Commissioners.

George Aeton has been appointed patrol-wagon driver, vice D. B. Christman, resigned.

Work of the Thieves.

Thomas McNeill of 604 Louisiana avenue had stolen from his barroom closet on Monday night, one light metal overcoat. John Roberts, 114 First street northwest, lost a pair of gold plated spectacles, stolen on Sunday, November 4.

Frank Emmert of 403 Ninth street southwest had stolen from his house yesterday afternoon, \$90 in cash. Joseph Kasper, 117 1/2 M street northwest, was relieved last evening of a black overcoat, a pair of gloves and a millage ticket on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. John Connor of Third street northeast, had stolen on Sunday night, a blue overcoat, a dark cutaway coat and a hat.

Marriage Licenses.

John McKing and Estelle V. Winter; Richard A. Daly and Mary E. Smith, Howard County, Md.; Thomas Murray, Alexandria, Va., and Rachael Blackburn, city; Edward B. Whelden, Baltimore, and Susan L. Ellis, city; Belleville F. Gardner, Washington, and Marian T. Thomas, Victoria, British Columbia; Richmond, Va., and Louise E. Bingham, city; George F. Haynes, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Elizabeth Hackett; Henry Luce and Louisa Harris, John Coome, Baltimore, Md., and Hilda Sebel, city.

Mahon Sands' Will.

The will of Mahon Sands, the patent medicine man who was killed by a fall from his horse in Rotten Row, London, which was submitted to the Surrogate in New York for construction, has been sustained. It dispenses several million dollars. His widow, Mary M. Sands, and his Vice-President,-elect Morton, who is one of the executors of the will. All of his children, except Mahel, a child by his first wife, whose mother provided for her, are well taken care of by the testator, as the property is equally divided among them.

Why She Wants a Divorce.

A divorce was applied for this morning by Mary V. Westbrook, with S. Cox as counsel, from John A. Westbrook. They were married January 12, 1880, at Point of Rocks, Va. She says that he was given to her a drunken, abusive husband and finally deserted her. In April, 1885, they began to live together again on a canal boat. In June of the same year, however, she says that he was again drunk and employed first Ann Ponnell and then Mollie Booth to take her place. Mrs. Westbrook, in her bill, speaks with great disparagement of the character of those women.

The Kennel Club's Trials.

The entries for the Kennel Club's field trials to-morrow near Upperville, Va., are not yet accurately formulated. Some of the dogs whose names appear in the list of entries hereafter published will not run, and in some cases other dogs have been substituted.

No accurate list can be announced until the trial's commencement to-morrow morning, as changes in the entries are being made from time to time until the trials begin.

The Christmas Club.

The ladies of the Children's Christmas Club met in the parlors of the Ebbitt House this afternoon. A score or so of charitably disposed ladies who are directing the children's benevolent movement were present. No business of importance was done save to arrange the minor details for the Christmas dinner and apportion the preparatory work among the various committees.

Burial Permits Issued.

Burial permits have been issued during the past twenty-four hours by the Health Officer as follows: Blanche Wright, 3 years; Alfred M. Wagner, 1 month; Arthur Gleason, 3 months; Lotta A. Salkeld, 9 years; Johanna Pogonuse, 59 years, and Ella Parker, colored, 30 years.

Folk Hired for Housebreaking.

Harry Folk was arraigned this morning in the Police Court on the charge of housebreaking at night. It appears that Folk entered the house of E. E. White, 1338 B street, and stole various articles of clothing. He was held for the grand jury.

Major Martin's Case.

Representative Martin, charged with assault on Mr. Harries, the Star reporter, will appear in the Police Court to-morrow morning and will probably plead guilty to the charge, but desires to make a personal explanation.

THE COURT RECORD.

Equity Court—Justice Cox.

Prather vs. Knott; pro confesso not aside. Rhoad vs. Rhoad; appearance ordered; Rhoad vs. Wright; E. A. Newman appointed guardian ad litem. Jones vs. Middleton; defendant Henderson allowed to answer in answer. Kurtz vs. Kurtz; sale ratified nisi. Cummings vs. Barstow; demurrer sustained. Coughlin vs. Robinson; bill dismissed with costs.

THE EVENING POST.

WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12, 1888.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

SENATOR HISCOCK CRITICIZES THE DEMOCRATS' POSITION.

The House Goes Into Committee of the Whole on the District Tax Bill.—The Potomac Flats Not Neglected in the River and Harbor Bill.

In the Senate to-day consideration of the Tariff bill was resumed. Mr. Berry of Arkansas took the floor on Mr. Jones' (Arkansas) amendment to admit cotton free of duty. He protested against the levying of duties for any other purpose than that of raising a revenue.

Mr. Hiscock said he had supposed that after the Senate Tariff bill was brought in the Democrats would content themselves with offering amendments to the bill, but he found that they were prepared to criticize and discuss the Senate bill on its merits.

Notwithstanding the fact that the cause had received the disapprobation of the country in the recent elections, he was surprised that hoop iron was not put upon the free list in the Mills bill, in aid of the cotton planter, whose interests the Democrats advocated.

Mr. Morgan expressed it as his opinion that the Republicans did not protect the agricultural interests of the country.

Mr. Morgan made an earnest appeal for a reduction in the duty.

HOUSE.

The House to-day agreed to non-concur in the Senate amendments to the Department of Agriculture bill and a conference was ordered.

The reports on the California contested election case were then presented. The majority finds for Sullivan and the minority for Felton.

Consideration of minor business the Direct Tax bill was taken in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Springer being in the chair Mr. Weaver of Ohio took the floor and opposed the bill. Mr. Rogers of Arkansas also opposed the bill and quoted the decision of the Supreme Court to support his argument.

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THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

The Democratic caucus in the House last night held a long session and debated at some length the question of the admission of the Territories. Mr. Springer stated that the main object of the caucus was to permit the Democrats to take some action looking to the admission of the Territories.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE DEFICIENCY.

A letter has been transmitted to the House of Representatives from the Public Printer, submitting an estimate for a deficiency appropriation of \$500,000 for the current fiscal year. The Public Printer says that the annual appropriation made by Congress for public printing and binding was \$1,000,000 less than the estimate. At least \$100,000 additional will be required to meet the office expenses for the month of December.

In addition to this deficiency the Public Printer says that an extra appropriation of \$250,000 will be necessary for the last six months of the year in order that the office may comply with the demands for printing of the Government.

THE FLATS PROVIDED FOR.

The River and Harbor bill, as reported to-day, carries an appropriation of \$150,000 for the Potomac Flats. Mr. Blanchard, chairman of the committee, appeared much surprised at the report, which he had expected to find that the Potomac Flats would be neglected.

"There never has been," he said, "any idea of dropping the appropriation for the flats, and I am sure that no impression could have gotten out."

CAPITOL NOTES.

A favorable report authorized yesterday by the House Committee on Military Affairs on the bill to retire General Fremont, with the rank of major, and to establish an Army and Navy Museum.

The Secretary of State has recommended to the House an appropriation of \$5,000 to enable Francis Wharton to search for the early diplomatic correspondence of the Government.

DR. MARTIN PRAISED.

Resolutions Adopted by the Board of Health of Alcoholic County, Fla. Surgeon Porter, at Jacksonville, has reported that 136 houses were fumigated and 308 were inspected yesterday.

The Board of Health of Alcoholic County, Fla., has passed and forwarded to Drs. Hamilton and Martin the following resolution:

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the very efficient and valuable assistance rendered this board and people of Gainesville by Surgeon-General Hamilton of the Marine Hospital Service, through his representatives, Past Assistant Surgeon Martin of the U. S. Navy, and we would call the attention of the Department at Washington to the marked ability of Dr. Martin in his management of yellow fever, evidenced by the success which has attended his efforts in our behalf.

Nearly Killed by Acute.

NORTH THOR, Vt., Dec. 12.—Joseph Roby of New Bedford, Mass., who came here with considerable money in his possession to buy a cargo of potatoes, complained of illness yesterday and accepted from a stranger a vital said to contain brandy but the substance proved to be acetic acid, and Roby was with great difficulty saved from death. It is supposed that robbery was the motive for the poisoning. The stranger fled to the Canadian side.

A Minister's Son and a Thief.

Robert George, aged 23, was arrested for theft in Houghton & Putnam's store at Boston on Monday, and a large trunkful of stolen property was found at his lodgings yesterday. He is the son of a minister in Georgia. In order to fit himself for the stage he came to this city in September last and joined the Monroe School of Oratory. He also attended lectures and at one time acted as usher at the Theatre Street Theatre. From these places and from the Archway book store he got most of his plunder.

A QUESTION OF TAXES.

The Suit of W. W. Danenhower Against the District.

The case of William W. Danenhower against the District of Columbia, certified to the Court in General Term for hearing in the first instance, was placed on argument to-day before Chief Justice Bingham, Justices James and Montgomery.

Messrs. Birney & Birney appeared for the petitioner and A. G. Riddio for the District.

The case, as presented by Mr. Danenhower's counsel, is this: Since September, 1886, he has owned lot No. 8, square 556, on New Jersey avenue. His title coming from William M. Robertson. In December, 1883, he applied to the Collector of Taxes for a certified statement of all taxes and assessments on this lot.

A few days later William O. Moore, then Chief of the Special Assessment Division, gave him a bill of \$379.32, with interest at ten per cent. from November 1, 1872, for special improvements. The bill was made out against "William M. Robertson," probably a mistake for William M. Robertson, the previous owner.

Mr. Moore informed him that there had been an error made in 1872 in the assessment records, and that the special assessments which should have been charged to his property, lot No. 8, had been charged to lot 5. A lien certificate for \$338.02, which should have been issued against lot 6, stood against lot 5, and it appears that lot 6 had been assessed against Mary E. Folien for \$164.60, which sum she had paid.

In consideration of her mistake Mr. Danenhower states that he offered to pay the amount, without interest, charged in the District books against lot 5, but his offer was refused.

Now that under these circumstances the Commissioners, upon after this discovery, issued against lot 6 a certificate of indebtedness for \$379.32, with 10 per cent. interest from November 1, 1872. He asks that this writ be quashed.

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THE AIMS OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION OUTLINED.

Colonel Shepard Elected President of the Union—Causes of the Leaders of the Movement—The Meeting To-day—Selection of the Executive Committee.

When the Rev. Mr. Erskine advanced to the front of the pulpit at Foundry Church last night and invoked a blessing upon the large audience assembled, he opened the first convention of the American Sabbath Union. Pesteoned above his head and reaching around the church was a petition nearly 4,000 feet long and bearing the names of over one million people, who petitioned Congress to pass laws prohibiting Sunday work in the Government mail and military service and otherwise regarding the Sabbath.

Addresses were made by Rev. James Knowles, Rev. W. F. Craft, Mrs. James C. Bateman, General A. S. Dyer, and the meeting closed with the delivery of the address of the president of the union, Colonel Elliott F. Shepard of New York.

TO-DAY'S SESSION.

Two or three-score of earnest workers in the interests of Sabbath observance assembled this morning under the festoons of petitions bearing the signatures of those who favor the aims of the Union.

A caucus of the leaders of the movement, presided over by General A. S. Dyer, of Elmira, N. Y., who is well known in the Sabbath work, and who, in the main auditorium of the church.

In the caucus a slate of officers was made and a constitution formulated.

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